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Library and Museum of Art Offer Free Activities for Kids Bilingual Storytime Followed by Special Art Project

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The Santa Barbara Museum of Art and Santa Barbara Public Library System are teaming up this summer to offer two Saturday art activities, on June 15 and August 17. On both days, families are invited to start their morning with the Library's regularly scheduled Bilingual Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Afterward, families will move next door to the Family Resource Center at the Museum of Art to create special summertime masterpieces. The *free* art project will be led by one of the Museum's talented working artists. Families will also receive a *free* family pass to the Museum of Art as part of this activity.

These "Stories and Art Together" activities are a product of collaboration between the Santa Barbara Public Library, located at 40 E. Anapamu St., and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, at 1130 State St. They complement the Library's "Dig Into Reading" themed Summer Reading Program, which instills a lifelong love of learning by encouraging children to read and participate in events over the summer. These programs are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and the Junior League of Santa Barbara.

For more information, contact the Santa Barbara Central Library at 805-564-5603. Visit the Library system's website <u>SBPLibrary.org</u> to find out about this and other programs at the Santa Barbara Public Library System libraries. This museum program and all Library programs are **FREE** and open to the public.

"Dig Into Reading" Summer Reading Program: http://www.sbplibrary.org/kids

Santa Barbara Museum of Art page: www.sbmuseart.org

Institute of Museum and Library Services page: http://www.imls.gov/

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